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December 19, 2006

Ms. Stephanie Bailenson, Director  
Office of Coastal and Aquatic Managed Areas  
Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
3900 Commonwealth Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000

Re: Board of Trustees Written Concurrence with Dry Tortugas National Park Regulations

Dear Ms. Bailenson:

Thank you for sending the certification of the November 14, 2006 approval by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida of the implementing regulations for Dry Tortugas National Park. The certified item serves as written concurrence for the implementing regulations under the terms of the Management Agreement for Certain Submerged Lands in Monroe County, Florida located within Dry Tortugas National Park. The final implementing regulations state that the Board of Trustees' concurrence with the implementing regulations is for a period of five years, at which time the National Park Service would bring the regulations back for review and approval under the terms of the Management Agreement.

We anticipate that the final regulations for Dry Tortugas National Park will be published in the Federal Register on Wednesday, December 20, 2006. The regulations will go into effect 30 days after the date of publication in the Federal Register. On December 20, the regulations will be available at: <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html>. Once at this web address, enter "Dry Tortugas National Park" in the 2006 (Volume 71) "quick search" box. The final special regulations will appear, available for printing or saving as an electronic file.

I want to extend my thanks and appreciation to you and all of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission staff who have worked with the Park and U.S. Department of the Interior staff on this matter over the last five years. We greatly appreciate your assistance and look forward to working with the State of Florida on successful implementation of the regulations in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Dan B. Kimball  
Superintendent

cc: Colleen Castille, Secretary, Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
Rodney Barreto, Chairman, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission  
Ken Haddad, Executive Director, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission  
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